

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3506 - HB 3686**

March 4, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires residential hospices that solely provide respite or routine home care levels of care to staff nurses based on each patient's care needs. The available presence of a registered nurse at all times is not necessary unless specific patient care needs so require.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**/Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Bureau of TennCare, this will not change the staffing costs at the residential hospices.
- Any necessary rulemaking will be accomplished during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities and will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had deficits of \$440,300 in FY06-07 and \$217,700 in FY07-08. The Board's FY08-09 balance is not yet available.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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